# Strong Neighbours – German-Czech Partnerships by means of Voluntary Services





"By the end of their service volunteers have shown enormous openness towards their host country and made lifelong friendships through cooperation."

## DESCRIPTION

For many people who volunteer the work goes on to positively influence their lives, careers and personal relationships in ways they may never have imagined. The Strong Neighbours project, which has two parts, has established a volunteer service for young people aged 18-26-years-old in Saxony, Germany and Northern Bohemia, Czech Republic.

The young people get the opportunity to spend a year abroad volunteering in social institutions including schools, nursery schools and retirement homes. By doing so, they improve their language skills and knowledge of neighbouring regions – while also gaining valuable life experience and a broadening of their perspectives.

In the future, the project plans to facilitate neighbour relationships as a means of promoting multilingualism across Germany's western borders.

#### GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Dresden (Germany) and Ústí nad Labem (Czech Republic).

### PROGRAMME

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